# **News Release**



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#### **UPDATE**

## Middletown Memorial Park Shooting from July, 2020

The Frederick County Sheriff's Office is continuing to investigate the shooting incident that occurred at the Memorial Park in Middletown on July 27, 2020, and are now offering a \$2,500.00 reward for information that leads to the identification of the person(s) responsible.

Anyone with information related to this incident is urged to contact Det. Timothy Moore Jr. at 301-600-3608 or TAmoore@frederickcountymd.gov.

Tips and information on this or any other case may be sent to <a href="mailto:FCSOtips@frederickcountyMD.gov">FCSOtips@frederickcountyMD.gov</a>, or callers may remain anonymous by calling the Sheriff's Office tip line at 301-600-4131.

### **Original Release**

## Middletown Memorial Park Shooting Incident

On Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Frederick County Sheriff's Office was dispatched to Middletown Memorial Park on South Church Street in Middletown at approximately 12:20 p.m. for reports of a shooting. A 7 year-old male suffered an apparent gunshot wound in the leg while playing basketball at the park. He was transported via helicopter to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center for treatment where he remains in stable condition.

Through preliminary investigation into this incident and witness statements, sheriff's office investigators do not believe a gun was fired in the immediate area of the park and believe the shot may have come from further away. At this time there is no indication that the juvenile was targeted or that the shooting was intentional, however it is still under early investigation. Initially on scene there was a description given of a person who had been walking in the area at the time of the incident; that person was located and found not be involved in any way. There was no other suspect description available for anyone believed to have fired the shot. This is still an active and ongoing investigation.

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